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The reply brief filed 14 April 2006 has been entered and considered.

The declarations attached as A and B were timely filed and considered by the Examiner during prosecution. The declarations show that a combination of higher Sn and Fe lead to a desired increase in corrosion resistance. However, since the claimed ranges of the elements Sn and Fe are anticipated by Mardon et al, the evidence in these declarations is not sufficient to overcome the rejection grounds as evidence of unexpected results cannot be relied upon to overcome an anticipation rejection.

The declaration attached as C was not timely filed during prosecution. It has been submitted for the first time as an attachment to the reply brief. For this reason is has not been entered nor considered. It is noted that the declaration C is not presented in response to the new grounds of rejection in the Examiner's answer, merely to try to rebut the rejections presented in the final rejection. Further, Appellant has not mentioned or addressed the significance of this declaration within the body of the brief so as to provide reasons why the declaration should be considered persuasive. As such, the declaration C has not been entered and considered.

The application has been forwarded to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences for decision on the appeal.

[It is noted that Appellant titled this brief "Substitute Appeal Brief", however, it is more properly titled "Reply Brief" since it is in response to an Examiner's Answer.]

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